

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Jeffry Jovan Philyaw

Serial No.:

For: INPUT DEVICE FOR ALLOWING INPUT OF A UNIQUE DIGITAL
CODE TO A USER'S COMPUTER TO CONTROL ACCESS THEREOF
TO A WEB SITE

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231



Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review, please amend as follows the accompanying Rule 1.53(b) continuation application of pending prior application Serial No. 09/378,221 filed on August 19, 1999.

IN THE TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Please delete the present title of the invention and insert therefor --INPUT DEVICE FOR ALLOWING INPUT OF A UNIQUE DIGITAL CODE TO A USER'S COMPUTER TO CONTROL ACCESS THEREOF TO A WEB SITE--.

IN THE CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Please delete the Cross Reference to Related Applications in the present application and insert the following before the first sentence of the specification:

--This application is a Continuation of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/378,221, filed on August 19, 1999, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ACCESSING A REMOTE LOCATION BY SCANNING AN OPTICAL CODE", which is a Continuation-In-Part of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/151,530 and entitled, "METHOD FOR CONTROLLING COMPUTERS THROUGH A RADIO/TELEVISION COMMUNICATION HUB" (Atty Dkt No. PHL-24,398) filed on September 11, 1998, and is related to pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/151,471 entitled, "METHOD FOR INTERFACING SCANNED PRODUCT INFORMATION WITH A SOURCE FOR THE PRODUCT OVER A GLOBAL NETWORK" (Atty Dkt No. PHL-24,397) filed on September 11, 1998.--

IN THE SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please delete the entire Summary of the Invention in the present application, and insert therefor:

--The present invention disclosed and claimed herein comprises a method for connecting a user computer at a first location on a network with a second location on the network through use of a coded symbol having contained therein encoded information associated with routing information on the network to the second location thereover is disclosed. The encoded information is extract from the coded symbol and then decoded to provide decoded information. The decoded information is input to a defined port on the user computer which has an existing first functionality associated with the operation of the user computer which is not the same functionality as the step of inputting the decoded information. The input operation of the encoded symbol comprises a second functionality, with the port of the user computer operable to accommodate for both the first and second functionality during operation thereof. The operation under the second functionality when